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KENNETH LITTAUER, LITERARY AGENT, 74

Kenneth P. Littauer, who won the Croix de Guerre and other decorations as a pilot in World War I, and as an Army Air Forces colonel helped plan the D-Day bombings in World War II, died Sunday afternoon in a Norwalk, Conn., nursing home. He was 74 years old and lived in Wilton, Conn.

Mr. Littauer became a literary agent in 1949 and served in that capacity until a few weeks ago in his own New York concern of Littauer & Wilkinson.

Mr. Littauer won a scholarship to Colgate University, and later went to Europe where he was a reporter for The New York American in London and Paris.

Early in 1916, before the United States entered the war, the 20-year-old reporter enlisted in the Franco-Belgian air squadron. Later he transferred to the United States Air Service and rose to the rank of commander of the 88th Observation Squadron. At the war's end he was a Lieutenant-colonel.

Besides the French Croix de Guerre, he was decorated with his own country's Distinguished Service Cross, the Belgian Croix de Guerre and the Belgian Ordre de Leopold. During World War II Mr. Littauer was a senior intelligence officer with the Eighth Air Force in England.

After World War I, Mr. Littauer came to New York and worked for Street & Smith, the magazine publishers, from 1928 to 1948. He was fiction editor of Collier's.

He leaves his second wife, the former Helen Irwin Dowdev; 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandshildren.